

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
NOVEMBER 11th, 2024, AT FOLLOWING THE 5:30 P.M. SPECIAL TOWN
MEETING OF ELECTORS**

Chairman Mike Hass called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Mike Hass, Supervisors Darrel Dengel, Matt Leder, Tim Mueske, Scott Oberg all in attendance.

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Motion by Matt Leder to accept minutes of the October 14th, 2024, Town Meeting as printed, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of November 11th, 2024, is \$898,690.77. After checks issued on November 11th, 2024, for \$66,657.48. Balance as of November 11th, 2024, \$830,492.29. Motion by Matt Leder to approve as read, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve the vouchers as presented, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

ROAD REPORT

Chairman Mike Hass reported that we are in the process of getting the trucks ready to go for snow plowing along with sand/salt.

All the new culverts have been blacktopped except the one on Pine Rd., should be done soon.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

The grader needs to get the wing on, it will go to McCoy to have this done.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial Dr right of way, the owner at the end has building on our right of way. We will need to get a surveyor and then get the lawyer involved to see what can be done.

Discuss/Approve digging permit, the board looked at and agreed on what pages to use. Motion by Darrel Dengel to add a \$50 fee on the first page, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss/Approve renewing or moving CD. The bank was closed due to Veterans Day to know the interest rates. Darrel Dengel made a motion to either leave the money in the CD or move it to Purpose Public Money Market account, whichever is the higher yield, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0. (Clerk Mitzi Flegner called Tuesday November 12, 2024. 7-month renewal rate is 4.5%, Purpose Public Money Market is 3.9%. It will be renewed for 7 months at 4.5%).

Discuss/Approve raising the hall rental prices. Motion by Darrel Dengel to remove the 4-hour rental, change to: 50 people or less

Town of Merrill Resident \$150 rental and \$150 deposit

Non-resident \$200 rental and \$200 deposit

Wedding – Town of Merrill Resident \$400 rental and \$400 deposit

Wedding – Non-resident \$450 rental and \$450 deposit

This would include the day prior from 5 pm until midnight

Day after from 7 am until Noon would be \$50

Corporate Gathering/Fundraising Benefit/Seminar/Expo/Auction \$450 rental and \$450 deposit
2nd by Tim Mueske, motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Darrel Dengel to approve Resolution 2024-11 to transfer \$10,000 from the Town of Merrill Cash Flow Reserve to Total Incidentals account, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Mike Hass received papers from North Central WI Regional Planning Commission about adoption of multijurisdictional Lincoln County hazard mitigation plan update. The supervisors were given a copy to look over and we will discuss it again at next month's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dieter Bartz wanted to make everyone aware of the changes that were made by a surveyor at the South ¼ corner of Section 34-32-6. The property lines have changed, and a new monument was placed 9-15-2023. This will affect property owners 1 mile north, 1 mile south, ½ mile East and ½ mile West.

Larry Simon suggested that the wages for the plow truck drivers to be adequate if not more than adequate, since they are hard to find. He also suggested that if the Township needed to purchase any heavy equipment to reach out to the Bierman Foundation, the Bierman's were residents of the Town of Merrill and have helped other organizations like ours.

Tony Baumann suggested that when the Grader goes to McCoy, have them check everything on it when they put the wing on.

Kathy Pophal agrees to paying the snowplow drivers well. She also thanked the Poll Workers for their work at last Tuesday's Election.

ADJOURN

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk